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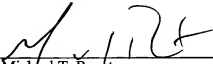
Dear Commissioner:

A search of the Patent Application Information Retrieval System (Bibliographic Data page) for the above-identified application indicates the Status: Non Final Action Mailed, with Status Date: 09-11-2009. Please note that a Response to the Non Final Action was filed on 10-7-2009.

Given the long period with no apparent activity on this application, the Applicants respectfully request the Office to continue prosecution of this application. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

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